

powder containing the barium titanate as a major component;

A (b) alternately stacking a multiplicity of internal electrode patterns formed from an electrically conductive paste and a plurality of ceramic green sheets to thereby produce a laminated ceramic green body; and

(c) sintering the laminated ceramic green body, wherein the sintering process is conducted at a temperature ranging from 1000 to 1400 °C and for a duration ranging from 0.5 to 20 hours, thereby producing the multilayer displacement element of claim 1.

Please add claims 12-15 as follows:

12. (New) A method for manufacturing a multilayer displacement element, comprising the steps of:

(a) forming ceramic green sheets that are composed of electrostrictive ceramic powder containing barium titanate as a major component;

A2 (b) alternately stacking a multiplicity of internal electrode patterns formed from an electrically conductive paste and a plurality of ceramic green sheets to thereby produce a laminated ceramic green body; and

(c) sintering the laminated ceramic green body, wherein the sintering process is conducted at a temperature ranging from 1000 to 1400 °C and for a duration ranging from 0.5 to 20 hours.

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